Hey, what's going on? Why are you--?

Stop that!

Stop! I'm on your side!

No, no, no. You don't get it.

These people work for *me* now.

Doing the good work of stopping men like you.

Later.

Ooooffff!

Oh.

Hey there.

Hey yourself, Tiger.

Havin' a bad day at work?

Please tell me the kids aren't here.

You're in luck.

They both had something after school.

Thank god. I didn't want them to see how I look and freak out.

Yeah. Maybe worry about me right now.

Right. Well, to start off...

You look amazing today.

Thank you.

And I know all this looks bad, but believe it or not, it was a moral decision.

I could have avoided it, but innocent people might have gotten hurt. So I took the beating.

And, I want to add, I learned a valuable lesson today.

What's that?

Not all women are Mary Jane Watson-Parker. Not even close.

And I'm lucky to have you.

Yeah. That's what my sister used to say. But not in a nice way.

And now you don't even talk to each other.

But *you and I* do.

Absolutely.

Annnnnd I feel like there's something you want to say and I should pay close attention when you do.

Yeah. So I think I've been pretty cool about you becoming the new you.

Like, I think I've taken the threat of violence and an overall looming sense of danger in stride.

...

Agreed.

So what should I do if, say, I'm starting to freak out a little bit?

Because of this?

Sure. And the thousands of photos and hours of video you take for the *Paper.*

Peter, I don't think it's ever come up before, but had you ever even gotten into a fight before all this?

Sure. Flash Thompson. Eighth grade.

How'd that go?

Oh, he beat the @&#% out of me.

It was *terrifying.*

So how are you dealing with it now?

I hate it. I mean, it feels good to stop someone that only someone like me can stop...

...but I don't want to hurt anybody, and I don't want anybody to get hurt.

Which is why you're perfect for this, I suppose.

But...

...do you promise to tell me when I should get scared?

Baby, if I ever come home and tell you it's time to run.

Be ready to run.

But until then... please don't worry.

I'm supposed to be doing this.

You wanna fool around?

...

Oh god. I can't believe I'm saying this, but...

...I've got the--

Ugh! That's right. How could I forget?

When are you supposed to meet Ben?

Now. I honestly just swung home to change.

Okay.

Rain check?

Definitely.

Do I understand you correctly?

You had him?

And you *let him go?*

No, Kingpin. It was, at best, a stalemate.

It took him less than a minute to defeat almost all my men. So I took the liberty the rabble gave me and withdrew from the conflict.

What about his mind and your formidable feats of persuasion, Mr. Negative?

Did you fear that battle as well?

I can judge will at a glance, Mole Man.

As one measures determination, the Spider would do well in comparison to everyone in this room.

So? You see this man and you must kill him.

Do it in whatever manner you wish, but he must die. For we have been reduced to five from six.

NO.

I have not surrendered my seat, Kraven.

Maybe *not yet.*

Not ever, Mysterio. The territory will remain in Hardy hands.

Yes, I have new...*limitations.* But when needed, my daughter ***Felicia*** will stand in my place.

What's mine is mine.

WHAM!

NO! What's yours belongs to *me*. Each of you...and all of it.

You rule at my pleasure.

And there are currently...too many rats biting at my feet.

Whatever distractions, plans or agendas you might currently have... stop them all. Now.

"My kingdom is in rebellion.

"And I will not be pleased until there are bodies laid before me."

Memorial Park.

MICHAEL BAILLIE + CHATHERINE CHULEV + SIMON PHAM + DAVID DEY + NORMAN OSBORN + MAY PARKER + RICHARD GORDON + PETER FISH + ROY KIM + MARK BASSET + WOON CHANG + MEGAN PORTER + NATASHA ALCORN + ALAN HALSTED + MARK HUGHES + RAPHAEL HALE + DEREK ARIAS + JESSE ZINK + KATRYNA KEPLER + RYAN SIMETH + JADEN CANCADO + PAVEL PERDEW + ADAM O'CONNEL + SARAH LEE + BEN DEY + CHRISTIAN CHOSTNER + JACOB WEEKS + TIFFANY AMARA + ISABELLA MANDO + TOMMY DALY + TOM KEATON + DONALD TOMEY + LOGAN STAR + JOS MUSTER + JOE NOVAK + ERIKA MULLER + FRED ELLINAS + MICHAEL DOE + GEORGE FRESCO + ALINA MANN + SUE CHANG + JASON BROWN + DESMOND VIOLET + BRANDON RESPONSE + TIMOTHY GREEBE + JENNIFER GIBBONS + JEFF TAILLENS + SEBASTIAN MAREK + MARK CANCADO + MARIA SMITH + BROOK PACE + MARICO PAZ + JHONATAN SPENCER + WILLIAM PENNY + EDDY VACANTY + MYLES DAULTON + MICHAEL BAILLIE + CHATHERINE CHULEV + SIMON PHAM + DAVID DEY + RICHARD GORDON + PETER FISH + BEN DEY + CHRISTIAN CHOSTNER + WOON CHANG + MEGAN PORTER + NATASHA ALCORN + ALAN HALSTED + KATRYNA KEPLER + RYAN SIMETH + JADEN CANCADO + PAVEL PERDEW + ADAM O'CONNEL + SARAH LEE + MARTIN TRAVIS + NOEL GODDARD + JACOB WEEKS + TIFFANY AMARA + ISABELLA MANDO + TOMMY DALY + KEVIN MORELLO + STAN BETHEA + MARCO PAZ + RUSSEL STAS + LAUREN HARTO + BRUCE KEVLAR + OMAR CRAIG + JAMES GRIFFIN + PETER LEE + JOSHUA KASPAR + CLARK TOUB + MEGAN ROLAND + ELLEN GREG + MASHA REX + GABRIELLE TUITE + NICOLE MORELLO + JAMES DOWNEY + JIM JORDAN + TIM WILLIAMS + JIM MILLER + SHAUN LEE + GARRETT STAS + EMMA KINNER + LAURA STONE + PETER GWINEE + ROBERT HARRISON + TOMMY HILL + RICHARD GORDON + ROY KIM + MARK + WOON CHANG + MEG

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DOOP

Hey. Sorry about earlier.

Hey. Sorry about earlier.

What happened? Where were you?

Can't talk about it over the phone, I'll tell you in person. Where are you now?

Memorial Park.

Okay. I'm headed your way. I'll ping you when I'm there.

q w e r t

Hey.

Hey, Peter.

Thanks for coming.

Of course. You sure you don't want to come tomorrow? That's the official date... everyone's going to be here.

The mayor's supposed to speak, and--

I'm not one for the show, kiddo.

Yeah. *I know.*

I can't believe it's been a year already.

I can.

I get up every morning. I have my coffee. And then ask myself if today's the day I start going through her things. See what's what.

But I can't bring myself to do it. I'm still waiting for her to walk through the door.

I miss her too.

She was some kind of woman.

Yeah. Hey, you know what?

Aunt May would absolutely love what you're doing.

You think so?

I do.

Well, she'd love what you're doing too.

Yeah. She did always like my photos.

She did. But that's not what I'm talking about, Peter.

...

It took me about a week after we figured out who Harry was.

Ben...

I've been wanting to tell you, and--

No. Don't. Don't say it...

And don't ever say it out loud to anyone again.

What?

How many people know?

Six. You make seven. Unless Jonah knows?

NO. Not yet. But he's just as good at this as I am.

He'll get there. Eventually.

It's hard to keep a secret, especially when it's such an important one. But keeping it could save your life. *Your lives.*

You have to try harder, Peter.

Make some changes.

MJ asked me if she should be scared earlier.

What did you tell her?

That I would let her know when she should be.

And you think you'd know when that is? Before the wave crashes over your head?

I think so.

I believe so...

I do know that I'm strong enough now to do something about it if I had to.

Why are you doing it?

Because they're *evil*. And someone has to *stand up to that.*

[OOP]

Memorial Park.

Okay. I'm headed your way. I'll ping you when I'm there.

Hey. I'm here. Black SUV parked on the street behind you.

Be right there.

Harry's here. I gotta go see what--

Sure.

Go do some good, kiddo.

Hey, Peter.

Yeah?

I'm old. Well, old enough. I've lived a good life. And I've lived long enough to see the woman I loved be buried and gone.

I do miss her, but it was a good life. And I'm fine with whatever happens next.

Can you say that?

...

...

NO.

Maybe keep that in mind.

#12 VARIANT BY **PEPE LARRAZ** & **MATTHEW WILSON**

ULTIMATE
SPIDER-MAN
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DING DONG

Somebody get the door!

On it, Mom.

DECEMBER

Hey, kiddo. Hope we're not late.

Nah, you're right on time.

Party's just getting started.

I see everyone's all dressed for the occasion.

Merry Christmas

Just like I said...

Christmas sweaters are a requirement for friends and family.

Enough. I'm wearing the **hat.** This is as *friendly* as I get.

Huh. A bit of a different crowd this year...

Yeah. Mr. and Mrs. Brock couldn't make it, and then we had a few surprises...

Obviously you know Aunt Anna. She wouldn't miss this for the world.

Of course. *Wait*...is that ***Gayle?***

Yeah. Big surprise.

Well, your mom ***does*** invite her sister ***every year...***

Yeah but, *you know*, she never comes.

Soooo...that's a *good thing.* ***Right?***

I dunno, Uncle Ben. I'm just a poor, simple teenager, way outta my depth when it comes to things like complex adult relationships.

MOM! JUST PLEASE DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING! I'VE GOT IT ***UNDER CONTROL!***

Speaking of...

Grandma's back from one of her trips.

Grandma?

Oh. My. Goodness. Madeline Watson. World traveler. Three-time widow. *Occasional* mother.

How's that going, Richard?

Well. *It's* Grandma...

I'm just saying, Mary Jane, this is *a lot*...

But if you don't want my help...

It's fine, Mom. *Really*. I was trying to keep it simple. Casual finger food.

I might have overdone it.

Hey, Mom, can I play games on your phone?

Sure, May. Just let me know if someone calls.

What I meant was this is a lot for someone who doesn't cook. Won't cook. Can't cook.

Whichever it is.

It was catered, Mom. You just stick it in the oven and heat it up.

It's not a big deal.

And speaking of things that aren't a big deal...

...how long are you planning on staying in town?

Trying to get rid of me already, dear?

Of course not. I'm happy you're here. Very happy. But you didn't tell anyone you were coming and I just want to plan accordingly.

So...do you have any idea *how long* it's going to be?

I haven't really thought about it, Mary Jane.

We'll see what comes up.

...

Let me know when you do.

I'll make sure you're the first person I tell, dear. Anyway...

How's Ben Parker doing? You know, after everything that happened.

He's good. Doing well.

It *looks* that way.

Is he seeing anyone yet?

...

Mom.

Time passes. People need to *move on.*

Have new *experiences.*

Mom. Do not.

Seriously.

Seriously, Mary Jane. I think your food might be *burning.*

#@%@&$!

PETER!

Okay, okay...

It's not that bad. I think I saved it.

Can you put this on the table?

Careful, it's hot.

Hey...

I'll take one of those.

I'm sure you're tired of people offering to help, MJ, and I know you don't need it, but unfortunately, I am ***burdened*** with incredible ***manners...***

So can I do anything?

Thanks, but no, Ben. Putting in the last of it now. So you're free to just enjoy the party.

You know where everything's at?

I do. Drinks are right over there. Hors d'oeuvres are on the table.

White elephant chaos gifts are already in the living room. And...you know, keep an eye out...'cause there are ***Watsons everywhere.***

Tell me about it.

BIP BIP BIP

Grrrrrr.

BOOOOOP

Losing?

Lost.

Yeah. That's going around.

Do you remember me?

You're Aunt Gayle. Mom's sister. I've seen lots of pictures.

But you don't remember me, *do you?*

Of course she doesn't. You haven't seen her since she was two.

And don't act like it's on her that she doesn't remember.

RING RING

Gwen Stacy

Mom, Gwen is calling you.

Decline

Accep

Just let it go to voicemail.

And go play over there if you don't mind.

Happy you came.

Thanks.

Why?

What do you mean?

You know what I mean. *Why* show up? *Why* after all this time?

Why?

Can't you just be happy to see me?

I am happy to see you--

And I'm happy to see you too--

--if you can finally apologize for what you did.

...

I don't know what you're talking about, Mary Jane.

Oh. You don't know?

I suppose I could guess what you're talking about, but even then, I'm not sure I'd need to apologize for it.

You don't think telling me that I was wasting my life because I married the wrong guy and then saying that having kids was making all those mistakes permanent *isn't* something you need to *apologize for?*

...

I just thought you could have done better.

You think they're ever going to work things out?

You know how it is, Ben-- you do your best and then you let them go.

Hopefully it's for the best, and if it's not, you endure the pain of not being able to save them from it.

How are *you* doing?

Oh, I'm great. *Can't you tell?*

If she can't, some of us sure can.

Speaking of enduring things.

Oh, shush. You know you're happy to see me.

And you're going to love what I got you for Christmas.

Please tell me it's not you moving in with me until you figure out where you're off to next.

It is *exactly* me moving in with you...and spicing things up.

Get ready! Watsons on tilt. Drinks for lunch and doubles in the evening.

How are you able to be this way?

Oh, I just keep going. No matter what.

Tell her, Ben. ***You know.*** Eventually you gotta get up and get back on that horse.

Yeah. Well...

...I just hope MJ and Gayle work things out.

Me too. Because she needs her.

Gayle's getting divorced.

When did that happen?

Not sure exactly. She doesn't want to talk about it much.

I just found out last week.

Woof. Divorce. Never fun. Now, I'm not one to give unsolicited advice...

Uh-huh.

...but having experience with being divorced-- as well as being a widow...

...I do know that they both have the same solution...

That right?

Yes, Ben. They do. Lie down for a while, have a good cry, but like I said--sooner or later...

...you gotta get back on that horse.

Unbelievable.

First, my mother...the nerve of her.

SECRET SANTA

Just showing up with no warning, no heads-up, and then acting like she's the one who's put out?

Let me tell you...I don't even want to think about where that could lead...

But Gayle?

We haven't talked--*really talked*--in years, and she's spouting the same garbage that...

Honestly, I don't know that I want to get past it. Forgive and forget? ***Not likely.***

But if that's the case, why did I invite her? *Why do I always invite her?*

Sigh

Because I don't want it to be this way. And I have to hope for something better, right?

SECRET SANTA

Yeah. Of course.

Thanks. You're the best.

Hey, kiddo...how you doin'?

Pretty good.

I finished your book.

Ha! So...

Great? Or really great?

Well, I have questions.

Do you now?

Specifically about chapter 14.

Ah, chapter 14-- "Finding Love in the Big City." One of my favorites.

You got any experience with that?

Absolutely none.

Sure. I get it. Hard to get any experience when it's *lack* of experience that's keeping you from having any.

Normally, with a smart and good-looking kid like yourself, I'd tell you not to worry about it. Just give it time.

But should an opportunity arise, might I suggest chapter 17?

Chapter 17...

"I Don't Know $#@%... but I Sure Act Like I Do"?

First. Watch your language.

Second. Absolutely. The ol' "fake it till you make it."

It's a gamble, but what isn't? *Right?*

Right.

It's a pretty helpful book, isn't it?

Yeah. Thanks again.

No problem. Maybe spread the word. I still have inventory.

Come with me.

I want to be clear about something. I love you, but this nonsense between us has to stop. I *want* it to stop...

But you have to meet me halfway. Deal?

...

I could do that.

So spill it. Why are you here? Why now?

...

I found out Douglas has been having an affair. I'm getting divorced.

#@$%!

Can you fix--?

I've added it all up. Thought about seeing if I could save things. Find some way to work it out...

Then I found out it's been going on for a couple of years. Several years. And people knew.

#@&$!

Are you gonna kill 'em? 'Cause if you are, I could help.

You know, dig a hole. Not in the committing of the actual act. *Maybe I could drive.*

I don't know what I'm going to do. I'm so angry and embarrassed.

Mom! She's calling again.

Just ignore it, honey. I'll call her back when I'm done.

Okay.

So...I get it now. You came here because you needed support.

Hmmm?

Support. A shoulder to cry on. Someone to talk to.

NO.

NO?

I came here because with as bad as things were for me, I just wanted to feel better.

So I figured I'd come check out your whole... situation.

You know, compare what I'm going through to your perfectly normal, perfectly average, bore-me-to-death existence.

...

What is *wrong* with you?

Haven't you been paying attention? *Plenty.*

But turns out the joke's on me.

I knew your job was going well, but...

Your kids are amazing. And sure, as much as I didn't care for you settling for Peter, I have to say... there is something different about him.

I just thought boring was the worst thing someone could be and that you deserved a more exciting life.

What I wouldn't give for boring right now.

If you think this is in any way an apology for year after year of unacceptable behavior...

...it is *not.*

Is that really all you want from me?

An apology? Fine...

Sorry.

Well, I'm also kinda wondering if you ever signed your prenup.

I did not.

Good for you.

...

I really am sorry. I know I've been awful.

I forgive you.

But don't do it again.

Here you go. Happy holidays, pal.

You always know just what to get me.

I noticed you chatting with MJ's mom.

And Anna.

Hmmmm.

What about it?

Fine-looking woman.

You think she'd fancy a guy like me?

Of course she would. I was thinkin' about askin' her out.

You think I should ask her out?

...

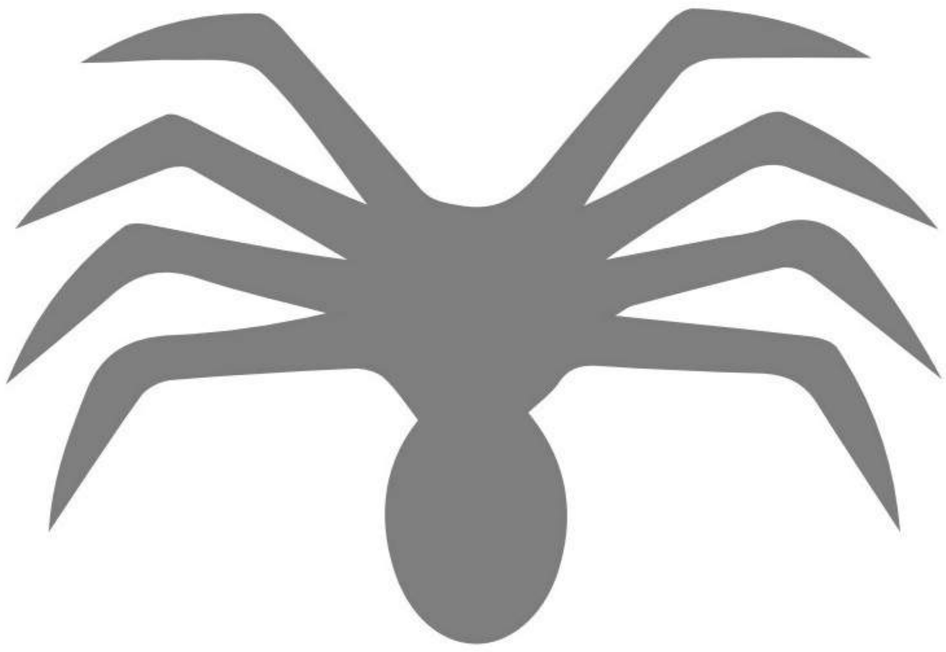
Absolutely.

Well, I just might do that.

I know it started off rough, pal, but this just might be the perfect end to a very good year.

No, Jonah... all things considered...

...I'd say it was a great year.



"**Happiness** is being surrounded by the people you love."

Mom! She's calling again!

Excuse me for a second.

Hello? Gwen?

Oh god, finally. Why haven't you been picking up? I'm losing my mind here. Is Peter there? Does he know whe--?

Hold on.

Peter!

Something's up.

Okay, Gwen...you're on speaker. What's going on.

I'm at our house for the holidays. I had a meeting out of town, so I came straight here, and Harry was supposed to drive up, but he didn't show up.

That was six days ago, and I can't reach him.

Does Peter have any idea where he is?

Peter?

Peter. Did you hear what Gwen was saying?

Do you know where Harry is?

Peter?

What th--

Oh my god... You're...

You're not Peter.

Who... Where is...

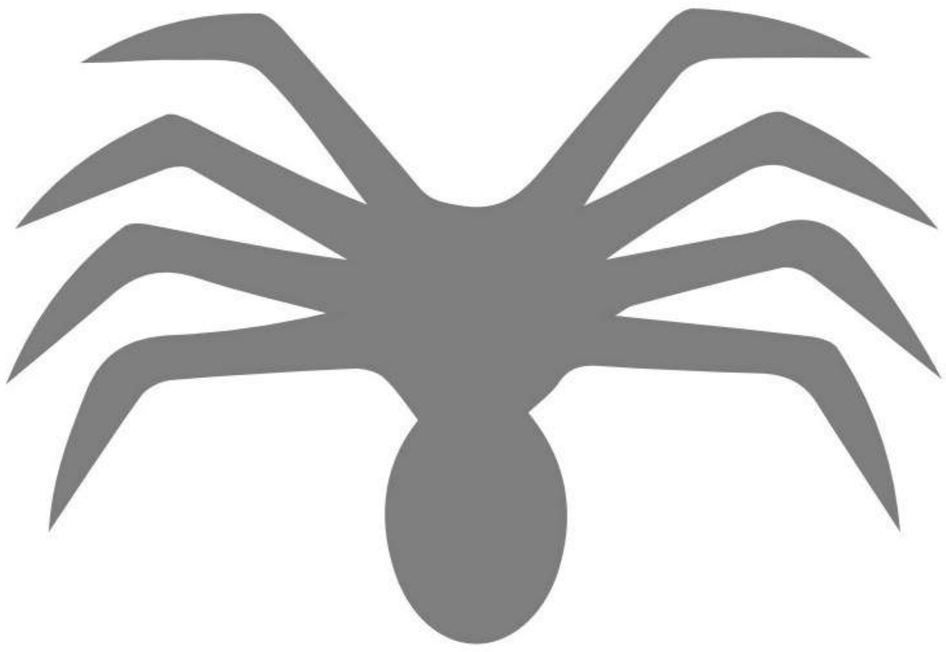
What have you done?

Where is he? Answer me! Why won't--?

Hey! Where is my husband? Tell me!

Say something!

Merry Christmas.



"**Fear** is knowing it can all be taken away."

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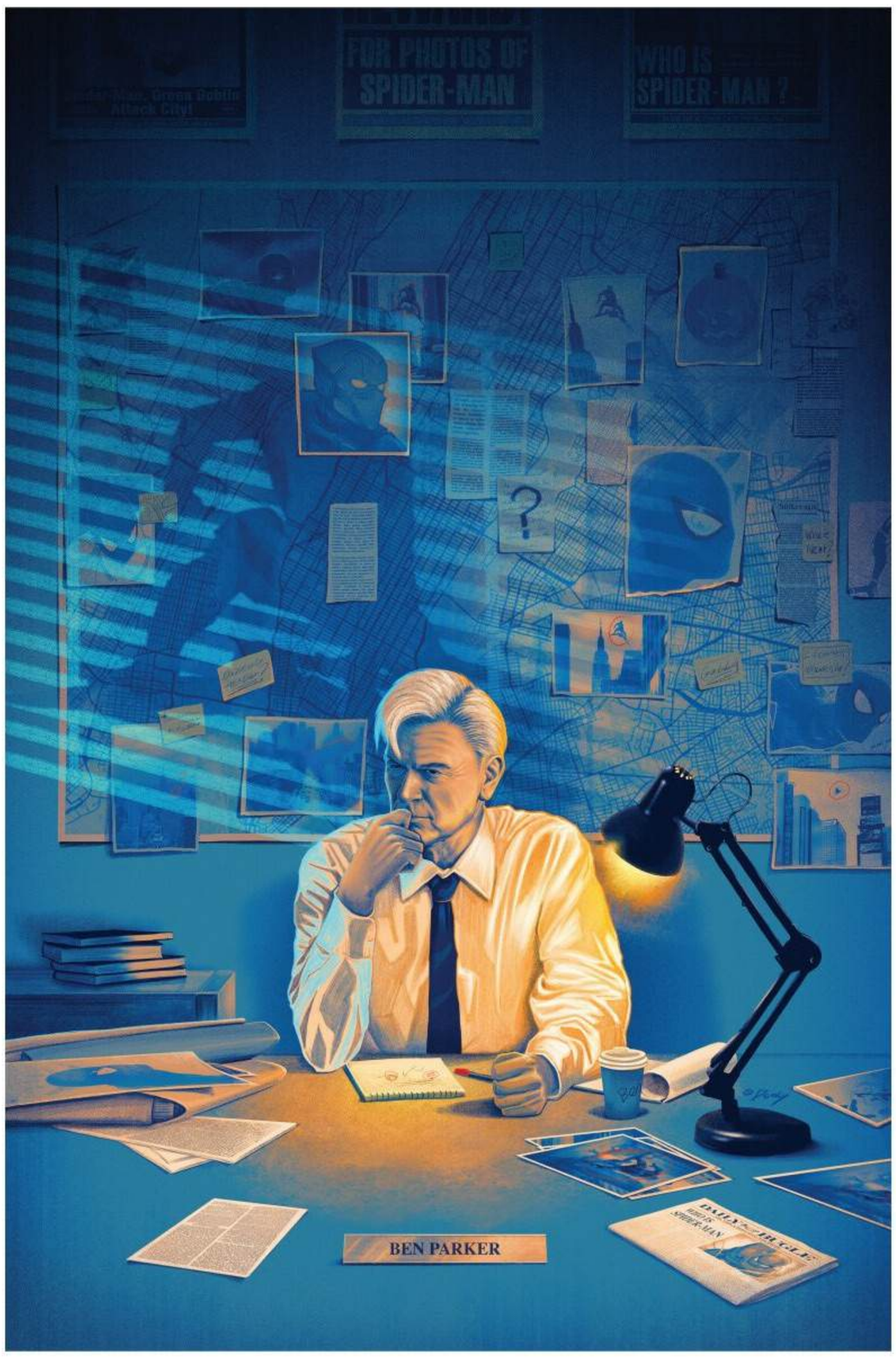

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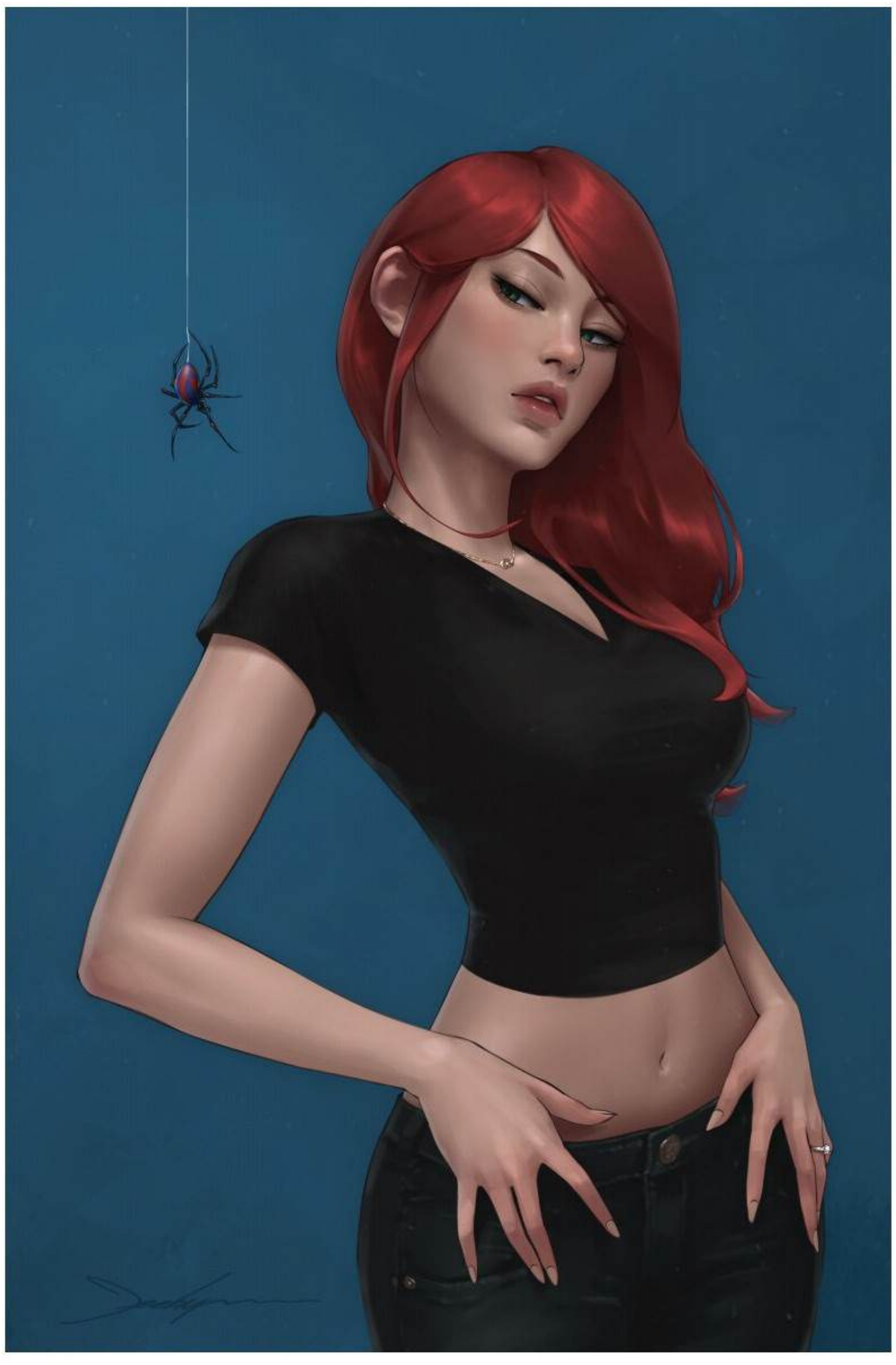

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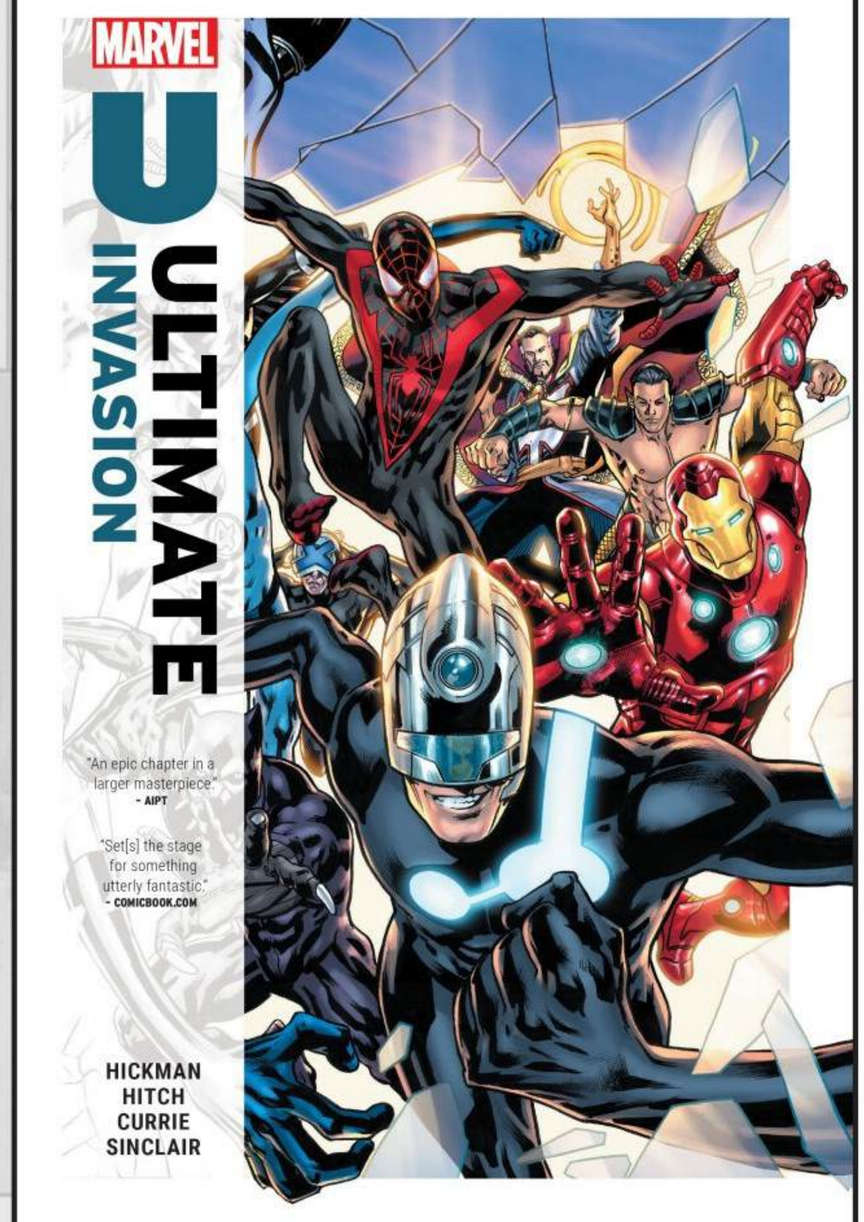

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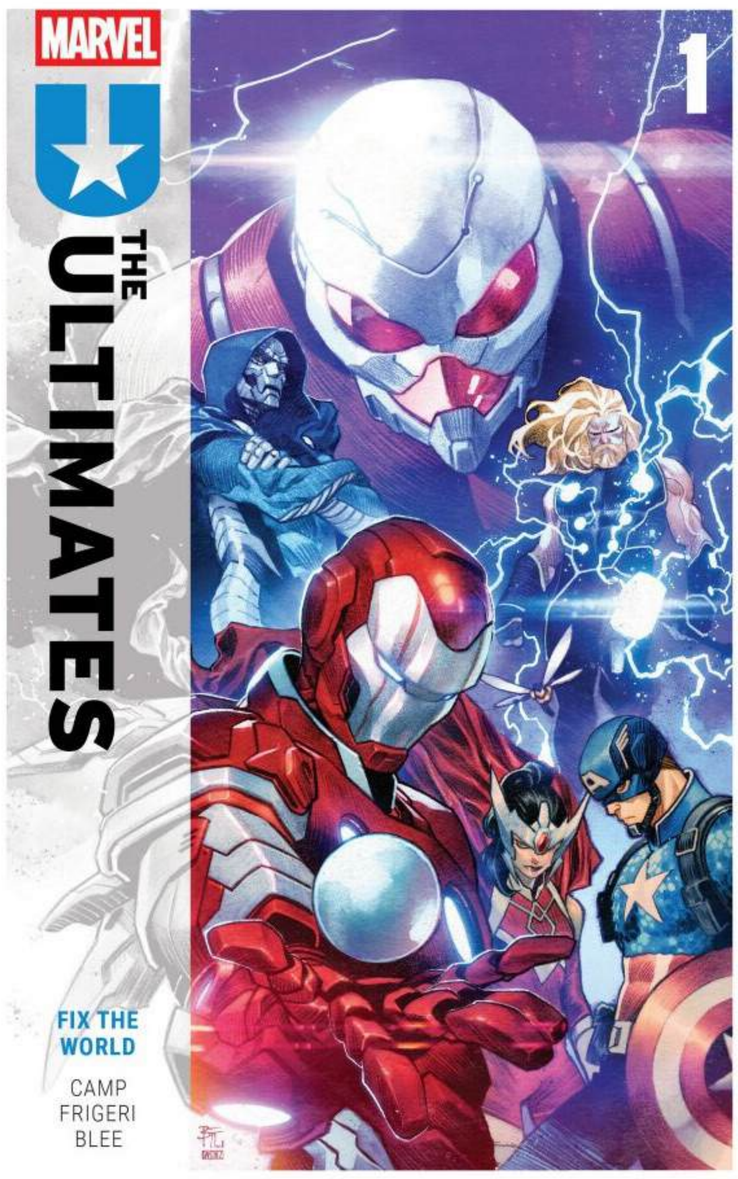

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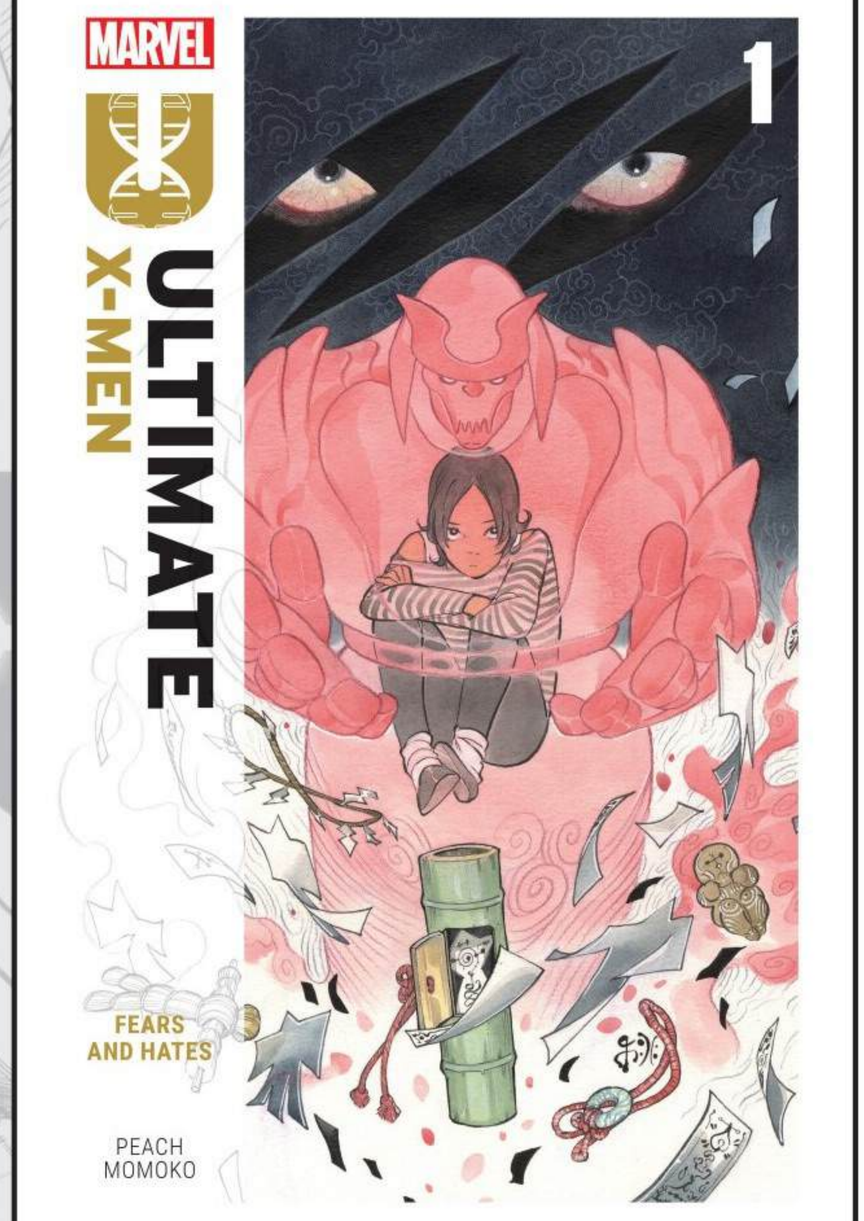

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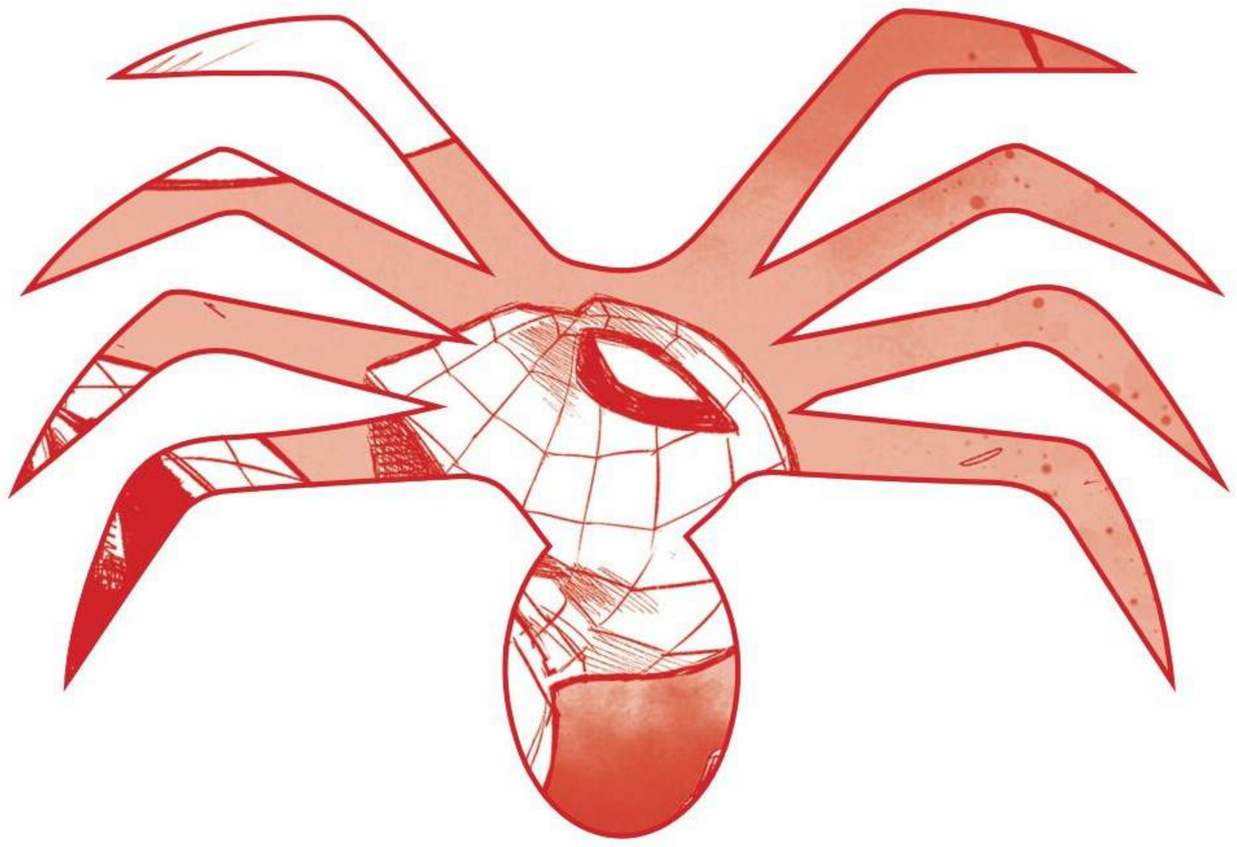

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